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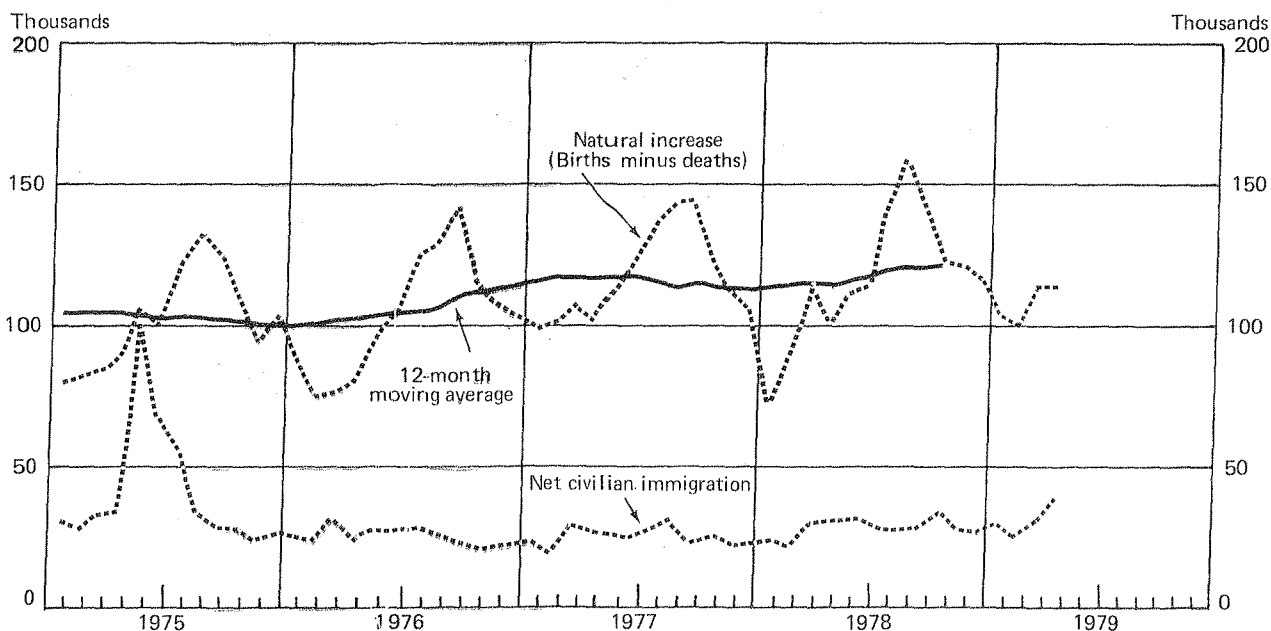
Estimates of the Population of the United States to May 1, 1979

The total population of the United States (including Armed Forces overseas) was about 220,080,000 on May 1, 1979 according to estimates released today by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. This figure represents an increase of 1,819,000 or 0.8 percent over the estimate for the corresponding month a year ago, and an increase of 150,000 over the previous month. The monthly gain was the result of a natural increase of 113,000 (excess of births over deaths), and estimated net civilian immigration of 38,000. (See chart below. Data are adjusted for number of days in the month.) The May 1, 1979 total population represents an

increase of 15,745,000 over the population on April 1, 1970, the date of the census upon which the estimates are based.

This report presents estimates for (1) the total population including Armed Forces overseas, (2) the resident population, and (3) the civilian population for selected months back to January 1, 1970. The population coverage shown by the Census Clock in the lobby of the Department of Commerce includes, in addition to the total population including Armed Forces overseas, overseas civilian employees of the Federal Government, their dependents, and the

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dependents of the Armed Forces overseas. On April 1, 1970, this population was 204,839,000.

In addition to data from the decennial censuses, the estimates are based on statistics on births and deaths provided by the National Center for Health Statistics, U.S. Public Health Service; statistics on immigration provided by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of

Justice; data on civilian citizens abroad provided by the Department of Defense and the Civil Service Commission; data on movement between Puerto Rico and the United States mainland provided by the Puerto Rico Planning Board; and data on the Armed Forces provided by the Department of Defense. For a complete discussion of the estimating procedure used in deriving these estimates, see **Current Population Reports**, Series P-25, Nos. 545 and 706.

Estimates of the Population of the United States, by Type of Population: January 1, 1970 to May 1, 1979

(In thousands. Includes Alaska and Hawaii in all years. Estimates for each month from January 1, 1950, to January 1, 1979, and estimates for July 1 of each year from 1900 to 1949, are given in Current Population Reports, Series P-25, No. 802)

Date	Total population including Armed Forces overseas	Resident population	Civilian population	Date	Total population including Armed Forces overseas	Resident population	Civilian population
1979				1977			
December 1.....				December 1.....	217,655	217,177	215,525
November 1.....				November 1.....	217,523	217,050	215,390
October 1.....				October 1.....	217,374	216,900	215,240
September 1.....				September 1.....	217,207	216,727	215,074
August 1.....				August 1.....	217,030	216,545	214,893
July 1.....				July 1.....	216,863	216,383	214,729
June 1.....				June 1.....	216,712	216,232	214,586
May 1.....	220,080	219,593	218,002	May 1.....	216,565	216,086	214,435
April 1.....	219,930	219,442	217,847	April 1.....	216,436	215,958	214,305
March 1.....	219,784	219,295	217,694	March 1.....	216,300	215,822	214,166
February 1.....	219,667	219,180	217,571	February 1.....	216,186	215,709	214,048
January 1.....	219,530	219,044	217,435	January 1.....	216,057	215,585	213,925
1978				1970 to 1976			
December 1.....	219,384	218,903	217,276	July 1, 1976.....	215,152	214,680	213,011
November 1.....	219,236	218,754	217,120	January 1, 1976....	214,446	213,960	212,308
October 1.....	219,078	218,595	216,957	July 1, 1975.....	213,559	213,051	211,373
September 1.....	218,909	218,422	216,787	January 1, 1975....	212,748	212,245	210,555
August 1.....	218,720	218,230	216,597	July 1, 1974.....	211,901	211,389	209,683
July 1.....	218,548	218,059	216,432	January 1, 1974....	211,207	210,692	208,951
June 1.....	218,404	217,916	216,306	July 1, 1973.....	210,410	209,859	208,102
May 1.....	218,261	217,774	216,149	January 1, 1973....	209,711	209,136	207,306
April 1.....	218,131	217,644	216,013	July 1, 1972.....	208,846	208,234	206,461
March 1.....	217,987	217,501	215,865	January 1, 1972....	208,088	207,396	205,496
February 1.....	217,881	217,396	215,756	July 1, 1971.....	207,053	206,219	204,258
January 1.....	217,785	217,303	215,666	January 1, 1971....	206,076	205,156	203,109
				July 1, 1970.....	204,878	203,810	201,722
				April 1, 1970.....	204,335	¹ 203,235	201,064
				January 1, 1970....	203,849	202,717	200,466

¹Census count: April 1, 1970--203,235,298.